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**REMARKS** 

**Present Status of Patent Application** 

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed on April 6,

2007. In this Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112,

second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly clam the

subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Office has indicated

that claim 1 recites a polyvalent element selected from a list, which includes Zn; however, the use

of the term "polyvalent" in regards to the elements zinc, Zn, is improper since Zn has only a single

valence state of +2. Moreover, Claim 4 is rejected because the claim language is unclear.

In response thereto, Applicants have amended claim 1 by deleting the element "Zn" from

the list and have amended claim 4 according to the language suggested by the Examiner. It is

believed that no new matter has been introduced to the claims or the specification by way of the

amendments.

In light of the forgoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth hereinbefore,

Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered

moot, and /or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are

hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would

expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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